GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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RURAL ROAD PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rural road projects lying pending in backward and naxal affected areas in the country including Jharkhand;

(b) the details of progress made under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and other schemes in the terrorism affected areas and the backward areas including Jharkhand during the last three years and the current year till date, State/UT-wise and year-wise;

(c) the details of funds allocated, spent and unutilized during the said period, State/UT and Scheme-wise;

(d) whether the Government has fixed any time limit for ongoing rural road projects completed in the terrorism affected areas in the country including Jharkhand; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of ongoing/pending rural road projects targeted for completion in the country including Jharkhand during the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 238 due for answer on 12th March, 2015

(a) & (b): "Rural Roads" is a State subject and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a one-time special intervention of Government of India to provide connectivity by way of an All-Weather road, to the eligible unconnected habitations as per Core-Network with a population of 500 persons (as per 2001 Census) and above in plain areas. In respect of 'Special Category States' (States of the North-East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand), the Desert areas, the Tribal (Schedule V) areas and 88 Selected Tribal and Backward districts (Integrated Action Plan-IAP districts), as identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs/Planning Commission, the objective is to connect eligible unconnected habitations as per Core-Network with a population of 250 persons and above (Census 2001). The programme envisages single all weather connectivity. Up-gradation of selected rural roads to provide full farm to market connectivity is also an objective of the scheme, though not central to it. In addition, PMGSY-II has also been launched for upgradation of existing selected rural roads based on a prescribed criterion.

The details of rural road projects sanctioned and its progress in the IAP districts in the States including the IAP districts of the State of Jharkhand is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c): The details of funds released and utilized during the last three years and the current year till date under the PMGSY Scheme is enclosed at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e): No specific targets have been fixed for providing connectivity to remaining eligible unconnected habitations in the IAP districts under PMGSY as the progress of works is dependent on the implementation capacity of the respective States and the availability of required funds with the States. The total targets fixed for the States under PMGSY including IAP districts during the year 2014-15 is as per Annexure-III.